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Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

1. *Decides* to maintain the reporting procedures for the Office of Internal Oversight Services in full compliance with its resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244, and in this context requests the Secretary-General to ensure that:

(a) Annual reports submitted by the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the General Assembly contain the titles and brief summaries of all reports of the Office issued during the year;

(b) Semi-annual reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services contain the titles and brief summaries of all other reports of the Office issued in the reporting period;

(c) Original versions of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services not submitted to the General Assembly are upon request, made available to any Member State;

2. *Also decides* that when access to a report would be inappropriate for reasons of confidentiality or the risk of violating the due process rights of individuals involved in Office of Internal Oversight Services investigations, reports may be modified, or withheld in extraordinary circumstances, at the discretion of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, who will provide reasons for this to the requesting party;

3. *Further decides* that reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services should be submitted directly to the General Assembly as submitted by the Office

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and that the comments of the Secretary-General may be submitted in a separate report;

4. *Affirms* its primary role in the consideration of and actions on the reports presented to it;

5. *Notes* that no mechanism has been established for the follow-up of Office of Internal Oversight Services recommendations, including those considered by the General Assembly;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of establishing real, effective and efficient mechanisms for responsibility and accountability;

7. *Regrets* that despite previous information provided by the Secretary-General on the establishment of accountability mechanisms, including the accountability panel, such mechanisms are not in place, thereby affecting the efficient and effective functioning of the Organization;

8. *Takes note* of paragraph 129 (b) of the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[1] and concurs with the view that a high-level follow-up mechanism under the authority of the Secretary-General should be established in the Organization to effectively feed findings and recommendations of the Office, as well as relevant findings of the Joint Inspection Unit and the Board of Auditors, into the executive management processes;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annually a report under the agenda item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" addressing the measures implemented aimed at strengthening accountability in the Secretariat and results achieved;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to establish the aforementioned follow-up mechanism as soon as possible and to report to the General Assembly on the results achieved in the context of the report referred to in paragraph 9 above, with specific reference to:

(a) The composition of such a mechanism, including the seniority of the chair and members;

(b) Terms of reference and frequency of meetings;

(c) The inclusion in the mechanism of one or more participants with relevant expertise from United Nations-system oversight bodies;

(d) Reporting procedures;

11. *Reaffirms* the role of the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit as external oversight bodies, and, in this regard, affirms that any external review, audit, inspection, monitoring, evaluation or investigation of the Office can be undertaken only by such bodies or those mandated to do so by the General Assembly;

12. *Also reaffirms* the importance of effective coordination, in the implementation of their respective mandates, between the Joint Inspection Unit, the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services, in order to

[1] See A/59/359.

maximize the use of resources and share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned;

13. *Stresses* the vital importance of the evaluation function of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and requests the Secretary-General to better reflect the objectives, expected accomplishments and performance indicators related to this function in future biennial programmes and budgetary submissions of the Office;

14. *Reaffirms* its oversight role as well as the role of the Fifth Committee in administrative and budgetary matters;

15. *Notes* paragraph 129 (a) of the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and in this context requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, taking into account the views of external oversight bodies, on how to guarantee the full operational independence of the Office within the context of its resolution 48/218 B;

16. *Decides* to evaluate and review at its sixty-fourth session the functions and reporting procedures of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and any other matter which it deems appropriate, and to that end to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244 and 59/__.

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Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2006-2007

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium,

Reaffirming also section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming further rule 153 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling its resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2006-2007[1] and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Reaffirms* that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain an indication of the following:

(a) A preliminary estimate of resources needed to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

(b) Priorities reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature;

(c) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget;

(d) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

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[2] See A/59/600.

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3. *Also reaffirms* that the budget outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium and promote greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process, thereby facilitating the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

4. *Further reaffirms* that the budget proposals of the Secretary-General should reflect resource levels commensurate with mandates for their full, efficient and effective implementation;

5. *Notes* that the budget outline is a preliminary estimate of resources;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 on the basis of a preliminary estimate of ___ million United States dollars at revised 2004-2005 rates;

7. *Decides* that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 shall contain provisions for recosting on the basis of the existing methodology;

8. *Decides also* that the priorities for the biennium 2006-2007 shall be the following:

(a) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(b) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(c) Development of Africa;

(d) Promotion of human rights;

(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(f) Promotion of justice and international law;

(g) Disarmament;

(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of his preliminary indicative estimates contained in the proposed budget outline, to reflect the priorities outlined in paragraph 8 above when presenting the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

10. *Decides* that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate, namely, at ___ million dollars, that this amount shall be in addition to the overall level of the preliminary estimate and that it shall be used in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

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Human resources management

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 8, 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolutions 49/222 A and B of 23 December 1994 and 20 July 1995, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 52/219 of 22 December 1997, 52/252 of 8 September 1998, 53/221 of 7 April 1999, 55/258 of 14 June 2001, 57/305 of 15 April 2003 and 58/296 of 18 June 2004, as well as its other relevant resolutions and decisions,

Having considered the relevant reports on human resources management questions submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

I. Human resources management reform

1. *Reaffirms* the principles set out in sections I and II of its resolution 53/221 and section I of its resolution 55/258 concerning human resources management and the role of the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat;

2. *Affirms* that the Office of Human Resources Management shall remain the central authority within the Secretariat for the interpretation and enforcement of the Staff Regulations and Rules, without prejudice to regulation 12.3;

3. *Stresses* the crucial importance of a transparent and timely flow of information from the Secretariat to Member States in matters related to human resources management reform;

[1] A/58/283, A/58/666, A/58/704, A/59/65-E/2004/48 and Add.1, A/59/152, A/59/211, A/59/213, A/59/217, A/59/222, A/59/253, A/59/263 and Add.1 and 2, A/59/264, A/59/291, A/59/299, A/59/357, A/59/388, A/C.5/58/L.13 and A/C.5/59/4.

[2] A/59/446.

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4. *Requests* the Secretary-General in future reports on mandated human resources management reform to include full information on achievements and the impact of its implementation;

5. *Stresses* that any proposals for changes in the building blocks of reform should be accompanied by transparent information for Member States on those changes;

6. *Recalls* section VII of its resolution 55/258, in which the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to ensure that well-designed mechanisms of accountability are put in place before delegating authority to programme managers;

7. *Stresses* the need to ensure that adequate mechanisms are in place to ensure the accountability of programme managers for the implementation of human resources policies and the achievement of objectives contained in human resources action plans;

8. *Emphasizes* that effective accountability mechanisms are an integral and essential element of human resources management reform, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen such mechanisms throughout the Organization;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to improve the effectiveness of human resources action plans for achieving the human resources objectives of the Organization, including with respect to equitable geographic distribution and gender representation, as mandated by the General Assembly, and further requests him to report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-first session;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to reconstitute the Accountability Panel so as to strengthen the internal system of accountability, including with respect to human resources policies and objectives, and to ensure that the Panel has the authority necessary to hold programme managers accountable for their performance in achieving the objectives contained in human resources action plans;

11. *Stresses* that the staff selection system must provide transparency and fairness;

12. *Emphasizes* the importance of the participation of staff representatives in the work of the central review bodies, and requests the Secretary-General and invites staff representatives to engage in a consultative process with a view to resuming the participation of staff representatives in the work of the central review bodies;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure that the central review bodies discharge fully and effectively their roles in the staff selection system, as foreseen in annex II to the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Human resources management reform"[3] and subsequently approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/258, including by addressing the deficiencies identified in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[4] and to make proposals to amend the terms of reference of the central review bodies as necessary in the light of experience;

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[3] A/55/253 and Corr.1.

[4] See A/59/253.

14. *Recalls its request* to the Secretary-General contained in section II, paragraph 2, of its resolution 51/226, as reiterated in section IV, paragraph 10, of its resolution 53/221, section VII of resolution 55/258 and section III of its resolution 57/305, to enhance managerial accountability with respect to human resources management decisions, including imposing sanctions in cases of demonstrated mismanagement of staff and willful neglect of, or disregard for, established rules and procedures, while safeguarding the right of due process of all staff members, including managers, and requests the Secretary-General to report comprehensively thereon at its sixty-first session;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts, as described in paragraphs 130 to 132 of his report,[5] to report to the General Assembly on the experiences gained in the implementation of such measures and to make additional proposals for action by the Assembly as appropriate;

16. *Notes with concern* paragraph 91 of the report of the Secretary-General,[5] and requests the Secretary-General to reassess the situation;

II. Recruitment and placement

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity serve as the paramount considerations in the employment of staff, with due regard for the principle of equitable geographic distribution, in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Recognizes* the value of a transparent process of recruitment, placement and promotion in the Organization;

3. *Notes* the proposal of the Secretary-General,[6] on the recommendation of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[7] to reduce the time required for advertising a vacancy from 60 to 45 days, and decides to revert to this issue in the context of a comprehensive study addressing all factors contributing to the process of selection, recruitment and placement at its sixty-first session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to reduce the period required to fill vacancies by addressing all factors contributing to delays in the process of selection, recruitment and placement and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to maintain a system of circulating printed copies of all vacancy announcements, in accordance with its resolution 57/305, for distribution to all delegations, except those which indicate otherwise;

6. *Reaffirms* the need to respect the equality of each of the two working languages of the Secretariat, reaffirms also the use of additional working languages in specific duty stations as mandated, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that vacancy announcements specify the need for either of the working languages of the Secretariat unless the functions of the post require a specific working language;

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[5] A/59/263.

[6] Ibid., para. 189.

[7] A/59/253, para. 103.

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the definition of language posts to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session in the context of his report on the composition of the Secretariat;

8. *Expresses its concern* over the deficiencies in the recruitment of international civilian staff in peacekeeping missions as referred to by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its report,[8] and requests the Secretary-General to make efforts to rectify the situation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

9. *Notes with concern* the range of weaknesses related to the Galaxy support tool identified by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its report;[4]

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fully develop the Galaxy support tool and make it more efficient and user-friendly for the purpose of efficient recruitment, as embodied in Article 101 of the Charter, and to ensure that all applicants are informed about the final result of their applications in a timely fashion;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the conversion of all printed applications into electronic form upon their submission for inclusion in the Galaxy system and to ensure that those applications are considered in the filling of advertised vacancies, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to develop screening mechanisms that ensure that all applications submitted in the Galaxy system are treated fairly, that well-qualified candidates are given due consideration and that keywords outside of the vacancy announcements are not used to exclude well-qualified candidates;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the steps necessary to ensure that Galaxy is available in both of the working languages of the Organization;

14. *Reiterates its requests* to the Secretary-General to inform Member States monthly, through the Internet, through the United Nations public web site and, upon request, in printed form of appointments made;

III. National competitive examination and General Service to Professional examination

1. *Reiterates its decision* that the recruitment of qualified staff from the General Service to the Professional category should be limited to the P-1 and P-2 levels and should be permitted for up to 10 per cent of the appointments at those levels;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to appoint to posts not subject to geographic distribution at the P-2 level up to seven successful candidates from the General Service to Professional examination each year;

3. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to appoint to P-2 posts in duty stations with chronically high vacancy rates up to three successful candidates from

[8] See A/59/152.

the General Service to Professional examination each year when no successful candidates from the national competitive examination are available;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make special efforts to appoint to the relevant vacant posts in the Secretariat successful candidates from unrepresented and underrepresented Member States who have passed the national competitive examination;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the expeditious placement in appropriate posts of as many candidates as feasible who have been placed on the roster following the successful completion of national competitive examinations;

6. *Reiterates* paragraph 43 of its resolution 57/305, requests the Secretary-General to apply strictly the relevant administrative instruction for recruitment at the P-3 level, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

IV. Measures to improve equitable geographic distribution

1. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made since 1994 in reducing the number of countries that are unrepresented and underrepresented;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his ongoing efforts to attain equitable geographic distribution in the Secretariat and to ensure as wide a geographic distribution of staff as possible in all main departments and offices of the Secretariat;

3. *Welcomes* the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to improve the situation of unrepresented and underrepresented Member States and of those in danger of becoming underrepresented under the system of desirable ranges;

4. *Notes* the low percentage of appointments of staff from unrepresented and underrepresented Member States to posts subject to geographical distribution in 2004;

5. *Notes with concern* the decline of the proportion of nationals of developing countries in posts at the senior and policy-making levels of the Secretariat;

6. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General take all measures necessary to ensure, at the senior and policy-making levels of the Secretariat, equitable representation of Member States, especially those with inadequate representation at those levels, including unrepresented and underrepresented States, in particular developing countries, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to continue to include relevant information thereon in all future reports on the composition of the Secretariat;

7. *Notes* that the system of geographic ranges was designed to apply to countries rather than regions or groups;

8. *Recalls* section II, paragraph 30, of its resolution 57/305, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General include an analysis of the level of underrepresentation in his next report on the composition of the Secretariat;

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, for a trial period of two years during which the procedures would be fully developed, to establish a special roster of

candidates from unrepresented and underrepresented Member States, as proposed in paragraphs 21 and 22 of his report,[9] for a number of posts at the P-4 and P-5 levels only, until such Member States are within the desirable ranges, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

10. *Welcomes* the practice of conducting recruitment missions to unrepresented and underrepresented Member States, and requests the Secretary-General to intensify those efforts in order to increase the number of recruits from those Member States after going through the regular recruitment procedures for advertised vacancies;

11. *Reiterates* its request contained in section II, paragraph 29, of its resolution 57/305 that the Secretary-General set specific targets as well as develop a programme for achieving equitable geographical representation;

12. *Notes* the number of overrepresented countries under the system of desirable ranges, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly with analytical information on this issue in the framework of his report on the composition of the Secretariat;

13. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with resolutions 41/206 A of 11 December 1986, 53/221, 55/258 and 57/305, no post should be considered the exclusive preserve of any Member State or group of States, including at the highest levels, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General ensure that, as a general rule, no national of a Member State succeeds a national of that State in a senior post and that there is no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

V. System of equitable geographic distribution

1. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General, as approved in its resolution 42/220 A of 21 December 1987, fully reach the level of posts subject to geographical distribution, which currently stands at 2,783;

2. *Also reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General submit the report requested in section IX, paragraph 2, of its resolution 57/305, which will include an assessment of the issues related to possible changes in the number of posts subject to the system of geographical distribution, and requests the Secretary-General to submit the report to the General Assembly by the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session;

3. *Recalls* section IX, paragraph 1, of its resolution 57/305, and decides to revert to this subject at its sixty-first session;

4. *Requests* the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the implementation of the principle of equitable geographic representation in the Secretariat at all levels, as set out in relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to verify the application of established measures of transparency and accountability at all levels of the selection, recruitment and placement process in compliance with relevant resolutions of the Assembly;

[9] A/59/264.

5. *Also requests* the Board of Auditors to submit its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session for consideration and action;

VI. Gender representation

1. *Reaffirms* the goal of 50/50 gender distribution in all categories of posts within the United Nations system, especially at the senior and policy-making levels, with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter, and regrets that progress towards attaining this goal has been slow;

2. *Expresses* concern at the continuing low proportion of women in the Secretariat, in particular the low proportion among them of women from developing countries, especially at the senior levels, and stresses that the continuing lack of representation or underrepresentation of women from certain countries, in particular from developing countries, should be taken into account and that those women should be accorded equal opportunities in the recruitment process, in full conformity with relevant resolutions;

3. *Notes with concern* that, in posts subject to the system of desirable ranges, 26 women from developing countries were recruited between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2004 among the 86 women appointed during that period;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to increase his efforts to attain and monitor the goal of gender parity in the Secretariat, in particular at senior levels, and in this context to ensure that women, especially those from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, are appropriately represented within the Secretariat, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of attaining this goal, to develop and implement recruitment targets, time frames for meeting those targets and accountability measures;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to clarify the role of departmental focal points, including in the context of the staff selection system, and their participation in the development and monitoring of the departmental human resource action plans;

7. *Encourages* Member States to support the efforts of the Secretary-General by identifying more women candidates and encouraging them to apply for appointment to positions in the Secretariat and by creating awareness among their nationals, particularly women, of vacancies in the Secretariat;

VII. Post structure

Requests the Secretary-General to make proposals to the General Assembly, as appropriate, to reform the post structure with a view to considering a possible increase in the proportion of P-2 and P-3 posts, taking advantage of the opportunity provided by the retirement of many senior staff in the coming years;

VIII. Mobility

1. *Reaffirms* section V of its resolution 55/258, as well as the segment on mobility contained in section II of its resolution 57/305, and notes its previous requests to the Secretary-General in this regard;

2. *Stresses* in this regard that when implementing mobility policies, the Secretary-General should ensure that:

(a) Mobility does not negatively affect the continuity and the quality of services and the institutional memory and capacity of the Organization;

(b) Mobility does not lead to the transfer or abolition of posts as a result of vacancies;

(c) Mobility has a positive impact in filling existing high vacancy rates at some United Nations duty stations and regional commissions;

(d) There is a clear differentiation between mobility within duty stations and mobility across duty stations and that the latter is a more important factor in career development;

(e) Mobility is encouraged for all posts in the Professional and higher categories;

3. *Notes* that the implementation of mobility policies, while recognizing their anticipated positive effects, may also give rise to problems and challenges that should be addressed;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the steps necessary to ensure that mobility is not used as an instrument of coercion against staff and to ensure that appropriate monitoring and accountability measures are in place;

5. *Notes* the measures to facilitate the implementation of mobility policies set out in paragraph 85 of the report of the Secretary-General,[5] and requests the Secretary-General to develop a strategic plan with indicators, benchmarks, time lines and clear criteria for the implementation of mobility policies and to report thereon, including with information on the financial implications, to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session for its consideration and action in order to solve any problems;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to consult with staff in the development of mobility policies;

7. *Requests* the International Civil Service Commission, within its mandate, to keep under review the question of mobility in the common system, including its implications for career development, and to make recommendations to the General Assembly, as appropriate, in the context of its annual reports;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the use of incentives with a view to encouraging staff to move to duty stations with chronically high vacancy rates;

9. *Reiterates* section II, paragraph 51, of its resolution 57/305, in which the General Assembly encouraged the Secretary-General to expedite, as appropriate, agreements between the Secretariat and the United Nations funds and programmes

and the specialized agencies for all staff levels in relation to mobility, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-first session;

10. *Invites* host countries, as appropriate, to review their policies for granting work permits to spouses of United Nations staff;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to explore ways of assisting spouses to find employment opportunities, in consultation with host Governments where necessary, including by taking measures to expedite the issuance of work permits;

12. *Acknowledges* that mobility needs to be supported through greater efforts to improve conditions of life and work at the various duty stations;

IX. Contractual arrangements

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on contractual arrangements,[10] and decides to revert to the issue at its sixtieth session in the context of its consideration of the report of the International Civil Service Commission on contractual arrangements with a view to taking a decision;

X. Use of appointments under the 100 and 300 series of the Staff Rules in the staffing of field missions

1. *Decides* to continue to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration under the 300 series of the Staff Rules in peacekeeping operations until 30 June 2005;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind paragraph 1 above, to reappoint under the 100 series of the Staff Rules those mission staff whose service under 300-series contracts has reached the four-year limit by 31 December 2004 or later, pending a decision by the General Assembly, provided that their functions have been reviewed and found necessary and their performance has been confirmed as fully satisfactory, and requests him to report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit proposals for which functions are relevant for reappointment under the 100 series for consideration and action by the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue the practice of using 300 series contracts as the primary instrument for the appointment of new mission staff, pending a decision by the General Assembly on the report requested above;

5. *Requests* the International Civil Service Commission, as a matter of high priority, to review the contractual instruments available for the employment of common system staff in the field, including the practice of conversion to the 100 series from other contractual arrangements, and requests the Commission to present an analysis to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session of the desirability and feasibility of harmonizing conditions of service in the field, including at non-family duty stations, and to provide full details of the financial implications;

[10] A/59/263/Add.1.

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session a comprehensive report with proposals for conditions of field service addressing, inter alia, the feasibility and desirability of conditions of service distinct to peacekeeping operations and the feasibility and desirability of harmonized conditions of field service in the United Nations;

7. *Recognizes* the authority of the Secretary-General to assign and deploy staff according to the operational needs of the Organization, and requests him to limit the assignment of staff, in particular General Service staff, from Headquarters and other established offices to field missions unless required by operational necessity or the unavailability of requisite skills in local labour markets;

XI. Consultants and individual contractors

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 59 to 61 of its report,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the use of consultants and individual contractors, including actions taken to improve the monitoring capacity of the Office of Human Resources Management on this issue;

2. *Reaffirms* that consultants shall not perform functions of staff members of the Organization or have any representative or supervisory responsibility;

3. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General should refrain from using consultants to carry out functions assigned to established posts and that consultants should be hired only in strict accordance with existing rules and relevant General Assembly resolutions and where expertise is not available within the Organization;

4. *Also reiterates* that in areas where consultants are frequently hired for a period of more than one year, the Secretary-General should submit proposals, where necessary, for the establishment of posts and should report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

XII. Employment of retired former staff

1. *Notes with concern* the increased use of retired former staff members in substantive areas and in decision-making positions;

2. *Also notes with concern* that the lack of proper succession planning has a negative impact on the rejuvenation of the Organization and on attaining core human resources targets;

3. *Endorses* the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 63 and 65 of its report;[2]

4. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that the employment of retired former staff has no adverse effects on the career planning and mobility of other United Nations staff members;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to have recourse to the employment of retired former staff only if the operational requirements of the Organization cannot be met by existing staff;

6. *Stresses* that the hiring of retired former staff should be on an exceptional basis, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to fill vacant posts at senior and decision-making levels through the established staff selection process;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the use of retired former staff and to develop clear criteria for the selection of the retired former staff, in particular in the Professional category;

XIII. Study of availability of skills in local labour markets

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the availability in local labour markets of the skills for which international recruitment for General Service staff takes place,[11]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct a study on the availability of skills in local labour markets for which international recruitment for the General Service staff takes place and, drawing on the findings, to reassess the determination made in 1975 that recruitment from outside the area of the duty station is necessary to staff the text-processing units, bearing in mind the need for the highest standards of quality relevant to the language function, and to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

2. *Decides* to revert to its consideration of the issue and of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[11] at its sixtieth session in the context of its consideration of the report requested in paragraph 1 above;

XIV. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,[12] and notes the observations of the Secretary-General on the report and the actions of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to implement the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;[13]

2. *Emphasizes* that recruitment in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights should be done in full consultation with and under the guidance of the Office of Human Resources Management, consistent with the provisions of the present resolution and other relevant legislative mandates;

3. *Notes* that the Joint Inspection Unit will submit a follow-up report on this issue to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session for consideration under relevant agenda items;

XV. Measures to prevent discrimination

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to prevent discrimination on the basis of nationality, race, sex, religion or language in the United Nations,[14] and requests him to develop further measures, as necessary, in cooperation with the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Joint Inspection Unit, to prevent such discrimination, in accordance with the principles of the

[11] See A/59/388.
[12] See A/59/65-E/2004/48.
[13] A/59/65/Add.1-E/2004/48/Add.1.
[14] A/59/211.

Charter and the provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

2. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General[14] in the context of the agenda item entitled "Administration of justice" during the first part of its resumed fifty-ninth session;

XVI. Staff-management consultations

1. *Takes note* of the views expressed by staff representatives in the Fifth Committee, stresses the importance of a meaningful dialogue on human resources management issues between staff and management, and calls upon both parties to intensify efforts to overcome differences and to resume the consultative process;

2. *Reiterates* its requests that the Secretary-General take into account the views of staff representatives, in accordance with article VIII of the Staff Regulations and Rules and resolution 35/213 of 17 December 1980;

XVII. Other matters

1. *Stresses* that all administrative issuances of the Secretary-General related to the implementation of its resolutions and decisions shall be in full compliance with such resolutions and decisions and shall be reported to the General Assembly in conformity with the established regulations, rules and procedures;

2. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with staff regulation 1.2, staff members shall not be actively associated with the management of, or hold a financial interest in, any profit-making, business or other concern if it were possible for the staff member or the profit-making, business or other concern to benefit from such association or financial interest by reason of his or her position with the United Nations;

XVIII. Reporting

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-first session consolidated reports, as appropriate, on the results of the implementation of the present resolution.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Questions deferred for future consideration

The General Assembly decides to defer to its resumed session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

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(a) Second annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan (A/59/441);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms (A/58/556);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on viable options to ensure sufficient parking space (A/58/712);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan (A/58/729);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation with the city and state of New York related to the capital master plan (A/58/779);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the biennium ended 31 December 2003 (A/59/161);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the United Nations capital master plan for the period August 2003 through July 2004 (A/59/420);

(h) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/556);

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(i) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and ad litem judges for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/C.5/59/2 and Corr.1);

(j) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/557);

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Administration of justice at the United Nations

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management review of the appeals process and measures to shorten the period for the disposal of cases and procedures related to the Joint Appeals Board, the Panel of Counsel, the Administrative Law Unit and the secretariats of the Joint Appeals Board and the Joint Disciplinary Committee (A/59/408);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice in the Secretariat (A/59/449);

(m) Report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Panels on Discrimination and Other Grievances (A/59/414);

(n) Annual report on the outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2001 and 2002 (A/58/300);

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice in the Secretariat: outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2002 and 2003 (A/59/70);

(p) Comprehensive report of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal on its activities (A/58/680);

(q) Letter dated 18 November 2003 from the President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/16);

(r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Administration of justice: harmonization of the statutes of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and the International Labour Organization Administrative Tribunal" (A/59/280 and Corr.1);

(s) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Administration of justice: harmonization of the statutes of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and the International Labour Organization Administrative Tribunal" (A/59/280/Add.1);

(t) Report of the Secretary-General on the possibility of the financial independence of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal from the Office of Legal Affairs (A/59/78);

(u) Note by the Secretary-General on compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/C.5/59/12).

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Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/255 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003, 58/295 of 18 June 2004 and all other relevant resolutions regarding the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations[1] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the utilization and management of funds appropriated during the 2002-2003 biennium for strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises,[2]

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Underlining the importance of achieving the highest levels of professionalism and expertise within the United Nations security management system,

Reaffirming article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the role of the General Assembly in carrying out a thorough analysis of and approving posts and financial resources as well as human resources policies with a view to ensuring full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of all policies in this regard,

[1] A/59/365 and Corr.1 and A/59/365/Add.1 and Corr.1.
[2] See A/59/396.
[3] A/59/539.

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Reaffirming further that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly responsible for administrative and budgetary matters,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring the safety and security of United Nations staff, operations and premises;

3. *Emphasizes* that the primary responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of United Nations staff and premises rests with the host country, and also emphasizes the role of the relevant host country agreements in defining this responsibility;

4. *Recognizes* the need for the urgent implementation of a unified and strengthened security management system in order to ensure the safety and security of United Nations staff, operations and premises at United Nations Headquarters and main duty stations as well as in the field;

5. *Stresses* that the effective functioning at the country level of security operations on a decentralized basis as proposed by the Secretary-General requires a unified capacity for policy, standards, coordination, communications, compliance and threat and risk assessment;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Decides*, bearing in mind the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 64 of its report[3] and General Assembly resolution 32/204 of 21 December 1977 on organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat, to establish a Department of Safety and Security;

8. *Welcomes* the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[2] on the utilization and management of funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286 in response to concerns about delays and cost escalation, notes the progress made more recently in implementing of those projects, and urges the Secretary-General to complete their implementation expeditiously;

9. *Notes with concern* the delays, cost escalation and deficiencies in planning and administering security strengthening projects, particularly at Headquarters and at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in relation to funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286, as set out by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its report,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/295, as well as the present resolution, funds appropriated for security strengthening projects are managed and disbursed with great oversight, efficiency and effectiveness and in a timely manner;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[2] and also to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to report on the utilization and management of funds approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/295 and in the present resolution for security strengthening projects for submission to the Assembly at its sixtieth session;

11. *Emphasizes* the need for an enhanced culture of security awareness on the part of all staff and compliance with safety and security rules and procedures throughout the United Nations system, as well as clear lines of authority and accountability;

12. *Affirms* that United Nations security management system requires clear lines of authority and accountability at all managerial levels at Headquarters and in the field for the implementation of safety and security rules and procedures;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session an accountability framework for the United Nations security management system as a whole, which would, inter alia:

(a) Update the report on field security;[4]

(b) Make clear the role of each responsible official;

(c) Provide information on how non-military lines of security-related authority lead to the head of the security department;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of United Nations funds and programmes that maintain their own security personnel in the field, to elaborate in the updated accountability framework on how such security staff are integrated into the unified security management structure at the country level under the authority of the designated official, and to clarify the authority of the designated official over such staff;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen security compliance, to apply available measures for taking disciplinary action at all levels, especially at the managerial level, in all departments for non-compliance with security standards, norms and procedures, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen security compliance, as Chairman of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to propose to the executive heads of agencies, funds and programmes that participate in the United Nations security management system that they apply available measures for taking disciplinary action at all levels for non-compliance with security standards, norms and procedures;

17. *Reaffirms* Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

18. *Urges* the Secretary-General to preserve the international character of the Organization in the recruitment of relevant categories of safety and security staff;

19. *Recognizes* that the Professional posts created by the present resolution under the regular budget would be added to the pool of posts subject to the system of geographic distribution in accordance with established procedures;

20. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure that recruitment to Professional and higher level categories is made on a wide geographic basis;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate further on his proposals concerning career development, a new profile for security officers and the further professionalization of security personnel referred to in paragraphs 25 and 31 of his

[4] See A/57/365.

report,[5] to submit detailed proposals on retirement policy given the special requirements for security staff and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

22. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis and without setting any precedent, that the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security shall serve for one non-renewable term not exceeding five years;

23. *Also decides* that the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security shall be appointed with full respect for the principle of equitable geographic representation and guided by its resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992, whereby the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that as a general rule no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in that post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States;

24. *Further decides* to establish a D-2 post as a deputy to the Under-Secretary-General and to review the post in the context of the implementation report to be submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General at its sixtieth session;

25. *Decides* to establish the post of the head of the Division of Safety and Security Services at the D-2 level and to review the post in the context of the implementation report to be submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General at its sixtieth session;

26. *Also decides* to establish 383 new security and safety officer posts within the General Service and related categories, of which 249 are established posts and 134 are on a temporary basis;

27. *Further decides* to review the newly approved posts referred to in paragraph 26 above in the light of a comprehensive report to be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session addressing all elements contributing to the security planning of the Organization, including the updating and revision of host country agreements as well as the different capacities of host countries to provide security to the United Nations, as outlined in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[3]

28. *Decides* to establish an Executive Office in the Department of Safety and Security consisting of 17 posts to handle its administrative support functions;

29. *Also decides* to appropriate 500,000 United States dollars under general temporary assistance to provide surge capacity for the Department of Safety and Security;

30. *Further decides* to approve the creation of the posts proposed by the Secretary-General in field locations;

31. *Recognizes* the need for the security and safety sections at the eight headquarters and main duty stations of the United Nations to convey threat and risk assessments through the appropriate regional desks;

32. *Notes* that threat and risk assessments will be conducted primarily by the field offices and reviewed by the regional desks;

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[5] A/59/365 and Corr.1.

33. *Decides* to enhance the capacity for threat and risk assessment by establishing one P-4, two P-3 and one General Service posts in addition to the existing P-5 post, and further decides that this capacity will be located in the Office of the Director of Regional Operations;

34. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of its resolution 58/295;

35. *Notes* that in paragraph 54 of his report,[5] the Secretary-General proposed getting input on threat and risk from sources other than international organizations and Governments, and emphasizes that it is incumbent on the Department of Safety and Security in making its objective judgement, to weigh the reliability and responsibility of the source as well as the reliability and validity of the information being used in assessing threat and risk;

36. *Decides* in this context that threat and risk assessments to be provided to Headquarters should be prepared by country offices and other components of the United Nations system, on an objective basis and in full cooperation with the national authorities of host countries;

37. *Reaffirms*, in this context, Article 100 of the Charter of the United Nations;

38. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the process for the continuous review of threat and risk assessment so as to enable timely, systematic and periodic review of the phases, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the respective national Governments apprised in a timely manner of any changes resulting from such review;

39. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide information, upon request by Member States, about the methodology used for determining phases of threat and risk assessment;

40. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide, in the context of the implementation report, information on strengthening the cooperation between the Department of Safety and Security and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations with respect to security decisions that may affect the conduct of peacekeeping operations, in the framework of the unified security management system, which would be led by the Department of Safety and Security under the provisions of the present resolution;

41. *Notes* that the malicious acts insurance policy has a worldwide coverage except in headquarters countries (namely, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America);

42. *Notes with concern* that there are some staff in the United Nations system who are working in the field and are not covered by the malicious acts insurance policy or a comparable scheme;

43. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to address this matter in the context of the Board and to report to the General Assembly thereon at its sixtieth session with a view to ensuring that all staff are covered;

44. *Decides* to defer to the second part of the resumed fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly consideration of the proposal of the Secretary-General on the

global access control system[6] pending the receipt of a detailed report by the Secretary-General, which will include the following:

(a) Integration with projects approved by previous General Assembly resolutions, including those in the context of the overall information technology strategy;

(b) The impact of implementing the global access control system on human resources requirements in the area of safety and security;

(c) The individual characteristics of each United Nations headquarters and main duty station;

(d) The implications of the global access control system for the capital master plan;

(e) Detailed information regarding the global identity management system, including the principles and guidelines for sharing the information obtained through the system, the level of centralization needed for managing this information and who would have access to the information;

(f) The time frame for implementation of the system;

45. *Decides* to defer consideration of the expansion of the security service fitness facility and to revert to this issue in the context of its consideration of the scope of work of the capital master plan;

46. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that infrastructure projects approved for Headquarters under the present resolution should not, pending a decision on the capital master plan, incur additional unnecessary costs at a later date under the capital master plan;

47. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session the results of the technical study on information and communication technology security, business continuity and disaster recovery, with detailed costing and a timetable;

48. *Decides* to maintain existing arrangements with regard to cost-sharing for safety and security;

49. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as the Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, while fully implementing the decision of the General Assembly to maintain the current cost-sharing arrangements, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on measures taken to improve the operational administration of existing cost-sharing arrangements;

50. *Stresses* the importance that all entities participating in specific arrangements in place at headquarters duty stations for sharing the costs of the central security and safety services should provide prompt and secure funding for such arrangements;

51. *Decides* that the present cost-sharing arrangements relating to field security for those organizations which are not part of the United Nations system should be retained;

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[6] See A/59/365/Add.1 and Corr.1.

52. *Invites* those organizations of the United Nations system which are currently in arrears with their contributions to the United Nations under the present cost-sharing arrangements to take steps to ensure prompt payment of the outstanding sums;

53. *Decides to* approve an additional appropriation under the regular budget in the amount of 53,633,300 dollars, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

54. *Also decides* to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of 6,069,700 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005[7] to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

55. *Recognizes* the need for a clearer presentation of security spending by each organization of the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to inform the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on this issue;

56. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the possibility for further integration and rationalization of the security management system and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

57. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution at its sixtieth session.

[7] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/58/6/Add.1).

Annex

Additional appropriations for the strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations, at revised 2004-2005 rates, by section of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Budget section		*Additional appropriation*
3.	Political affairs	147.2
4.	Disarmament	50.5
5.	Peacekeeping operations	1 612.6
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	669.4
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	(2 383.0)
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	(4 775.9)
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	(2 960.3)
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	(3 833.7)
24.	Human rights	45.4
25.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	5 103.2
26.	Palestine refugees	708.4
28.	Public information	223.1
29D.	Office of Central Support Services	(36 240.0)
29E.	Administration, Geneva	(19 601.5)
29F.	Administration, Vienna	(5 609.8)
29G.	Administration, Nairobi	(5 835.0)
31.	Jointly financed administrative activities	(17 796.1)
33.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	4 003.4
36.	Safety and security	140 105.4
	Total	**53 633.3**
34.	Staff assessment	6 069.7
Income section 1. Income from staff assessment		(6 069.7)

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Draft report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 5th, 9th, 14th, 17th, 18th to 20th, 22nd, 24th to 26th, 28th to 32nd and __ meetings, on 11, 15, 27 and 29 October, 1, 3, 4, 15, 19, 22 and 29 November and 9, 13, 14, 15, 17 and __ December 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.5, 9, 18-20, 22, 24-26, 28-32 and __).

3. In accordance with the criteria for the use of the contingency fund annexed to General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, the Committee, at its __ meeting, on __ December 2004, considered a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates that were subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/59/27). The consolidated amount fell within the available balance of the contingency fund. The Committee therefore proceeded to approve the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget.

4. Section II of the present report provides a summary of the recommendations made by the Fifth Committee during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly on the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly, either on the recommendation of its Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary meeting.

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5. Section III provides a summary of the special subjects considered by the Fifth Committee that led to the adoption of specific decisions to be recommended to the General Assembly.

6. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee are contained in section IV.

II. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

7. In its resolutions 58/271 A and B of 23 December 2003, the General Assembly approved budget appropriations for the biennium 2004-2005 in the amount of $3,160,860,300 and income estimates in the amount of $415,291,800. By its resolution 58/295 of 18 June 2004, further appropriations were approved resulting in revised appropriations of $3,179,196,100 and revised income estimates in the amount of $415,340,500.

8. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General, as well as on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly under items considered by other Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary meeting, have resulted in a net increase in the approved level of appropriations in the amount of $428,977,800 and a net increase in the approved income estimates in the amount of $28,511,400.

9. The revised estimates of expenditure and income approved by the Fifth Committee and the financial implications of resolutions recommended by other Main Committees and subsequently by the General Assembly are indicated, by expenditure and income section, in the following table:

(United States dollars)

Section			Amount approved in resolutions 58/271 A, 58/271 B and 58/295	Increase/ (decrease)	Revised appropriation
A.	**Expenditure sections**				
1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination		58 504 400		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		2 214 300	
	(b)	Rights of the child (A/C.5/59/22, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597, A/C.5/59/SR__,)		824 500	
		Total	**58 504 400**	**3 038 800**	**61 543 200**
2.	General Assembly affairs and conference services		533 574 800		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		25 863 700	
	(b)	Rights of the child (A/C.5/59/22, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597, A/C.5/59/SR__,)		521 000	
	(c)	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session and first resumed substantive session of 2004 (A/59/393, A/59/393/Add.1, A/59/542, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		297 000	
		Total	**533 574 800**	**26 681 700**	**560 256 500**
3.	Political affairs		242 461 500		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		5 396 900	
	(b)	Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations advance team in the Sudan (A/59/534, A/59/569, A/C.5/59/SR__)		17 006 900	
	(c)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		147 200	
	(d)	Estimates in respect of special political missions, goods offices and other political initiatives, authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/59/534/Add.1 and Add.2, A/59/569/Add.1 and Add.2, A/C.5/59/SR__)		162 614 700	
		Total	**242 461 500**	**185 165 700**	**427 627 200**
4.	Disarmament		18 118 400		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		571 000	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		50 500	
		Total	**18 118 400**	**621 500**	**18 739 900**
5.	Peacekeeping operations		89 898 300		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		1 348 900	

Section		Amount approved in resolutions 58/271 A, 58/271 B and 58/295	Increase/ (decrease)	Revised appropriation
(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		1 612 600	
	Total	**89 898 300**	**2 961 500**	**92 859 800**
6. Peaceful uses of outer space		5 484 400		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		419 500	
	Total	**5 484 400**	**419 500**	**5 903 900**
7. International Court of Justice		31 621 900		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		3 314 100	
	Total	**31 621 900**	**3 314 100**	**34 936 000**
8. Legal affairs		39 303 000		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		1 331 000	
	Total	**39 303 000**	**1 331 000**	**40 634 000**
9. Economic and social affairs		137 739,400		
(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		4 104 600	
(b)	Programme budget implications related to the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/59/433, A/59/560, A/59/579, A/C.5/59/SR__)		1 092 400	
(c)	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session and first resumed substantive session of 2004 (A/59/393, A/59/393/Add.1, A/59/542, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		91 300	
	Total	**137 739 400**	**5 288 300**	**143 027 700**
10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States		4 231 900		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		126 700	
	Total	**4 231 900**	**126 700**	**4 358 600**
11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development		9 344 000		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		231 000	
	Total	**9 344 000**	**231 000**	**9 575 000**
12. Trade and development		106 241 800		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		8 560 500	
	Total	**106 241 800**	**8 560 500**	**114 802 300**

Section			Amount approved in resolutions 58/271 A, 58/271 B and 58/295	Increase/ (decrease)	Revised appropriation
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO		23 472 200		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		1 994 700	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		669 400	
		Total	**23 472 200**	**2 664 100**	**26 136 300**
14.	Environment		10 530 100		
		First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		385 700	
		Total	**10 530 100**	**385 700**	**10 915 800**
15.	Human settlements		15 536 200		
		First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		476 600	
		Total	**15 536 200**	**476 600**	**16 012 800**
16.	Crime prevention and criminal justice		9 392 800		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		647 400	
		Total	**9 392 800**	**647 400**	**10 040 200**
17.	International drug control		20 006 900		
		First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		1 469 200	
		Total	**20 006 900**	**1 469 200**	**21 476 100**
18.	Economic and social development in Africa		95 672 700		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		2 952 300	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		(2 383 000)	
		Total	**95 672 700**	**569 300**	**96 242 000**
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific		67 236 900		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		2 606 100	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		(4 775 900)	
		Total	**67 236 900**	**(2 169 800)**	**65 067 100**
20.	Economic development in Europe		50 196 800		
		First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		4 565 000	
		Total	**50 196 800**	**4 565 000**	**54 761 800**

Section			Amount approved in resolutions 58/271 A, 58/271 B and 58/295	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean		80 884 900		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		7 446 800	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		(2 960 300)	
		Total	**80 884 900**	**4 486 500**	**85 371 400**
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia		52 713 800		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		2 115 500	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		(3 833 700)	
		Total	**52 713 800**	**(1 718 200)**	**50 995 600**
23.	**Regular programme of technical cooperation**		42 871 500		
		First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		-	
		Total	**42 871 500**	**-**	**42 871 500**
24.	**Human rights**		56 794 500		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		7 336 600	
	(b)	Rights of the child (A/C.5/59/22, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597, A/C.5/59/SR__)		230 800	
	(c)	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session and first resumed substantive session of 2004 (A/59/393, A/59/393/Add.1, A/59/542, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		164 000	
	(d)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		45 400	
		Total	**56 794 500**	**7 776 800**	**64 571 300**
25.	Protection of and assistance to refugees		56 731 900		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		4 408 800	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		5 103 200	
		Total	**56 731 900**	**9 512 000**	**66 243 900**

Section			*Amount approved in resolutions 58/271 A, 58/271 B and 58/293*	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
26.	Palestine refugees		33 851 800		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		80 800	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		708 400	
		Total	**33 851 800**	**789 200**	**34 641 000**
27.	Humanitarian assistance		23 292 300		
		First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		983 000	
		Total	**23 292 300**	**983 000**	**24 275 300**
28.	Public information		156 056 100		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		6 043 400	
	(b)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		223 100	
		Total	**156 056 100**	**6 266 500**	**162 322 600**
29.	Management and Central Support Services		525 139 700		
	(a)	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		18 746 300	
	(b)	Programme budget implications of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/C.5/59/13, A/59/567, A/C.5/59/24, A/57/7/Add.23, A/C.5/57/SR__)		505 400	
	(c)	Rights of the child (A/C.5/59/22, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597, A/C.5/59/SR__,)		2 500	
	(f)	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session and first resumed substantive session of 2004 (A/59/393, A/59/393/Add.1, A/59/542, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		38 200	
	(h)	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		(67 286 300)	
		Total	**525 139 700**	**(47 993 900)**	**477 145 800**
30.	Internal oversight		23 227 200		
		First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		959 800	
		Total	**23 227 200**	**959 800**	**24 187 000**

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31.	**Jointly financed and administrative activities**	25 573 200		
	(a) First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		2 668 100	
	(b) Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		(17 796 100)	
	Total	**25 573 200**	**(15 128 000)**	**10 445 200**
32.	**Special expenses**	79 455 100		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		1 800 800	
	Total	**79 455 100**	**1 800 800**	**81 255 900**
33.	**Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance**	58 651 300		
	(a) First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1 , A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		41 911 900	
	(b) Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		4 003 400	
	Total	**58 651 300**	**45 915 300**	**104 566 600**
34.	**Staff assessment**	382 319 400		
	(a) First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		9 770 200	
	(b) Rights of the child (A/C.5/59/22, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597, A/C.5/59/SR__,)		121 100	
	(c) Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations advance team in the Sudan (A/59/534, A/59/569, A/C.5/59/SR__)		781 300	
	(e) Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		6 069 700	
	(f) Estimates in respect of special political missions, goods offices and other political initiatives, authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/59/534/Add.1 and Add.2, A/59/569/Add.1 and Add.2, A/C.5/59/SR__)		12 132 500	
	Total	**382 319 400**	**28 874 800**	**411 194 200**
35.	Development Account	13 065 000		
	Total	**13 065 000**	-	**13 065 000**

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 58/271 A, 58/271 B and 58/295*	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
36.	Safety and security			
	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		140 105 400	
	Total	**-**	**140 105 400**	**140 105 400**
	Grand total, expenditure estimates (gross)	**3 179 196 100**	**428 977 800**	**3 608 173 900**
B. Income sections				
1.	Income from staff assessment	386 540 400		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		9 968 700	
	Rights of the child (A/C.5/59/22, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/597, A/C.5/59/SR__)		121 100	
	Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations advance team in the Sudan (A/59/534, A/59/569, A/C.5/59/SR__)		781 300	
	Revised estimates for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/396, A/C.5/59/24, A/59/539 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		6 069 700	
	Estimates in respect of special political missions, goods offices and other political initiatives, authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/59/534/Add.1 and Add.2, A/59/569/Add.1 and Add.2, A/C.5/59/SR__)		12 132 500	
	Total	**386 540 400**	**29 073 300**	**415 613 700**
2.	General income	24 043 200		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		(33 700)	
	Total	**24 043 200**	**(33 700)**	**24 009 500**
3.	Services to the public	4 756 900		
	First performance report (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1, A/59/601 and A/C.5/59/SR__)		(528 200)	
	Total	**4 756 900**	**(528 200)**	**4 228 700**
	Grand total, income sections	**415 340 500**	**28 511 400**	**443 851 900**

10. At its __ meeting, on __ December, the Committee considered the revised estimates of expenditure and income to be recommended for approval by the General Assembly for the biennium 2004-2005, as well as the financing of the appropriations for the year 2005. The Committee took the following action:

(a) The Committee approved revised budget appropriations for the biennium 2004-2005 (see para. 43, draft resolution II.A);

(b) The Committee approved revised income estimates for the biennium 2004-2005 (see para. 43, draft resolution II.B);

(c) The Committee approved the draft resolution on the financing of appropriations for the year 2005 (see para. 43, draft resolution II.C).

III. Consideration of special subjects

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

11. The Committee considered this question at its 26th and __ meetings, on 22 November and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/405), the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/543) and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/59/229).

12. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. A), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Bahamas. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. I).

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed substantive sessions of 2004

13. The Committee considered this question at its 29th and __ meetings, on 13 and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/393 and Add.1) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/542 and A/59/597).

14. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed substantive sessions of 2004" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. C), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. II).

Progressive implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

15. The Committee considered this question at its 26th and __ meetings, on 22 November and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/294), and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/59/SR.26).

16. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Progressive implementation of article 20 of the statute of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. B), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Singapore. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. III).

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

17. The Committee considered this question at its 29th and __ meetings, on 13 and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/90) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/551).

18. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. D), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Austria. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. IV).

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the programme of work of the Institute for 2005

19. The Committee considered this question at its 26th and __ meetings, on 22 November and __ December. It had before it the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/3 and Corr.1 and Add.1) on a request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/553 and Corr.1).

20. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the programme of work of the Institute for 2004" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. E), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Austria. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. V).

Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre

21. The Committee considered this question at its 31st and __ meetings, on 15 and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/23) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/59/SR.31).

22. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. F), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Slovakia. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. VI).

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

23. The Committee considered this question at its 29th and __ meetings, on 13 and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/534/Add.1 and 2) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/569 and Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2).

24. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. J), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. VII).

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

25. The Committee considered this question at its 30th and __ meetings, on 14 and __ December. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/578 and Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/601).

26. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. I), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Indonesia. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. VIII).

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation

27. The Committee considered this question at its 30th and __ meetings, on 14 and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/336) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/558).

28. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. G), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Guatemala. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. IX).

Programme budget implications of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

29. The Committee considered this question at its 29th and __ meetings, on 13 and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/13) and

the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/567).

30. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Programme budget implications of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination" (A/C.5/59/L.27), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 44, draft decision I).

Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

31. The Committee considered this question at its 29th and __ meetings, on 13 and __ December. It had before it the note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) (A/59/560) on its programme of work and on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/56/907), a report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of INSTRAW (A/59/433), the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.26 concerning the future operation of INSTRAW (A/C.5/59/16) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/579).

32. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women" (A/C.5/59/L.21, sect. A), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway.

Revised estimates and programme budget implications: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

33. The Committee considered this question at its 31st and __ meetings, on 15 and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/24), and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/59/SR.31).

34. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Revised estimates and programme budget implications: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. H), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 44, draft decision II).

Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

35. The Committee considered this question at its 26th and __ meetings, on 22 November and __ December. It had before it the note by the Secretary-General (A/59/271) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

36. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. K), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Austria. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. X).

Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations

37. The Committee considered this question at its 18th, 19th, 20th and __ meetings, on 1, 3, 4 November and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/365 and Corr.1 and A/59/365/Add.1 and Corr.1), the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on an audit review on the utilization and management of the funds appropriated during the biennium 2002-2003 for strengthening the security and safety of the United Nations premises (A/59/396) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/539).

38. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations" (A/C.5/59/L.32), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. XI).

Administrative and financial implications of decisions and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission

39. The Committee considered this question at its 14th, 17th and __ meetings, on 27 and 29 October and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/429) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/522).

40. At the __ meeting, on __ December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2004" (A/C.5/59/L.25, sect. K), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of India. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. XI).

Contingency fund

41. The Committee considered this question at its __ and __ meetings, on __ and __ December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/27), and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/59/SR.__).

42. At the __ meeting the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appropriate the required amounts, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, and that it note that a balance of $7,854,800 would remain in the contingency fund (see para. 43, draft resolution I, sect. XIII).

IV. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

43. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly,

I. Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Recalling its decision 57/572 of 20 December 2002 and its resolutions 57/312 of 18 June 2003, 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO[1] and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and endorses the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the recommendations contained therein are implemented expeditiously;

II. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session and resumed substantive sessions of 2004

Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2004[4] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] on the understanding that such appropriations as may be necessary and not exceeding 573,600 United States dollars will be requested by the Secretary-General in the context of a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly;

III. Progressive implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Recalling paragraph 49 of its resolution 58/270 of 23 December 2003,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the progressive implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High

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[1] A/59/405.
[2] A/59/543.
[3] See A/59/229.
[4] A/59/393 and Add.1.
[5] A/59/542 and A/59/597.

Commissioner for Refugees[6] and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[7]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the programme budget proposals for progressive increases for contributions from the regular budget to the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to the full implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office and to report on the progress made to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session in the context of the proposed programme budget and recognizing that the percentage referred to in paragraph 6 of the report of the Secretary-General does not represent a ceiling;

3. *Calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner to keep its support costs, including management and administration, under review with the objective of reducing these as a percentage of total budget expenditure, and welcomes the decision of the Office to initiate a headquarters process review with the aim of simplifying and streamlining administration;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 a transparent presentation of the purposes for which regular budget funds are proposed, including the composition of administrative costs and information on efficiency measures;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that oversight and accountability mechanisms in the Office of the High Commissioner are operating effectively with the required independence, authority and transparency;

IV. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses relating to expenses certified by the President of the International Court of Justice[8] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[9]

1. *Approves* the request to change the ceiling to 200,000 United States dollars under the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses that may be certified by the President of the Court without prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in connection with the designation of ad hoc judges with effect from the biennium 2006-2007;

2. *Further approves* the proposal to maintain an amount of 400,000 dollars in the regular budget of the Court to accommodate the recurring requirements for ad hoc judges, with effect from the biennium 2006-2007, to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

V. Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the programme of work of the Institute for 2005

Recalling its resolution 58/272 of 23 December 2003,

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[6] A/59/294.
[7] See A/C.5/59/SR.26.
[8] A/59/90.
[9] A/59/551.

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the programme of work of the Institute for 2005[10] and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[11]

2. *Approves* the request for a subvention by the General Assembly of 227,600 United States dollars, to be recosted, for 2005 from the regular budget of the United Nations, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;[12]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make proposals in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for biennial review and approval by the General Assembly of subvention requirements of the Institute beginning with the biennium 2006-2007;

VI. Construction of additional conference facilities at Vienna International Centre

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional conference facilities at Vienna International Centre[13] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented by its Chairman,[14]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the proposal of the Government of Austria to construct a new conference facility within the boundaries of the Vienna International Centre;

2. *Approves* the participation of the United Nations, along with the other organizations located in the Vienna International Centre, in the arrangements for the proposed new conference facility on the terms proposed by the Secretary-General in his report;

3. *Entrusts* the Secretary-General to determine, in cooperation with the other three organizations located at the Vienna International Centre, the cost-sharing arrangements for potential future costs arising from the project within the amount indicated in his report, on the understanding that the related financial requirements will be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the respective bienniums, and to report thereon to the General Assembly for its review and decision;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the progress in the project implementation to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

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[10] A/C.5/59/3 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[11] A/59/553 and Corr.1.

[12] A/58/6 (Sect. 4). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6.*

[13] A/C.5/59/23.

[14] See A/C.5/59/SR.31.

VII. Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council and on the request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone,[15] as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[16]

Reaffirming section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council;[15]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[16] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Notes* that the charging of expenditures against the appropriation for special political missions would be subject to the extension of the respective mandates;

4. *Reaffirms*, in the context of all Security Council decisions on special political missions, the prerogatives of the General Assembly in issues related to administrative and budgetary matters;

5. *Reiterates* that, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules, the submission of the budget proposals is a prerogative of the Secretary-General;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters;

7. *Regrets* the late issuance of the reports of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, and requests the Secretary-General, in the future, to present budget proposals for special political missions at an earlier date, in order to facilitate proper consideration by the General Assembly;

8. *Approves* the budgets of the 25 special political missions presented in table 1 of the report of the Secretary-General;[17]

9. *Decides* to appropriate under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, under section 3, Political affairs, an amount of 678,600 United States dollars for the three special political missions presented in table 1, part A, of the report of the Secretary-General, emanating from the decisions taken or to be taken by the General Assembly;

10. *Also decides* to appropriate under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213, under section 3, Political affairs, an amount of 161,936,100 dollars for the 22 special political missions presented in table 1, part B, of the report of the Secretary-General, emanating from the decisions taken or to be taken by the Security Council;

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[15] A/59/534 and Add.1 and 2.

[16] A/59/569 and Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2.

[17] A/59/534/Add.1 and Corr.1.

11. *Further decides* to appropriate an amount of 12,132,500 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for 2004-2005;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the next budget proposals for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, to review and consider possible streamlining of the structure and level of positions, bearing in mind its temporary nature and its status as a subsidiary body of the Security Council, as well as to address its relationship with the Department of Political Affairs;

13. *Decides* to approve the proposed waiver requested for the implementation of section III.B, paragraph 26, of resolution 51/226 of 3 April 1997, on an exceptional and extraordinary basis, and requests the Secretary-General to report in the next budget submission on how many consultants given such waiver were recruited, along with their nationalities and functions performed;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to recruit staff for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate in full compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* that the use of experts and consultants for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and for the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) should also be in full compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

16. *Takes note* that the commitment authority authorized in resolution 58/284 of 8 April 2004 valid through 31 December 2004 to support a subvention for the Special Court for Sierra Leone has been held unused in view of the continued dependence of the Court on voluntary contributions during the period and is being surrendered;

17. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 20 million dollars to supplement the financial resources of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, with effect from 1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005, under special political missions of section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in concert with the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, to continue efforts to raise voluntary contributions to support the work of the Court and to report to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-ninth session on progress made;

19. *Appeals* to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Court and to honour existing pledges;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-ninth session a progress report in respect of the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

21. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to bring to the attention of the President of the Security Council the contents of the present resolution;

VIII. First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005[18] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[19]

Recalling its resolutions 58/270 and 58/271 A to C of 23 December 2003 and 58/295 of 18 June 2004,

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and as reaffirmed in subsequent resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and its addendum on the implementation of the United Nations Official Documents System,[18] and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[19] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance that Member States attach to the work of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in support of the activities carried out by the President of the General Assembly;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of its annex to resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, notes the assurances given by the Secretariat that the three remaining positions, namely, 1 D-2, 1 D-1 and 1 General Service, needed to strengthen the Office of the President of the General Assembly will be provided, and in this context requests the Secretary-General to ensure its full and expeditious implementation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of paragraph 4 above in the context of the second performance report;

6. *Decides* to approve a gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the year 2005 in the amount of 5,385,700 United States dollars and to appropriate the amount of 1,712,700 dollars under section 31, Jointly financed administrative activities, for the financing of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2005;

7. *Notes* the content of paragraph 42 of the report of the Secretary-General and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly comprehensively on this issue at the beginning of its sixtieth session;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of its resolution 58/270 and notes that its implementation resulted in a decrease of 4,007,000 dollars from the original proposed appropriation in section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fill expeditiously vacant positions for web-site assistants in all official languages from external candidates, utilizing general temporary assistance;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 44 of its resolution 58/270 and takes note of the relevant paragraph of the Secretary-General's report regarding the *Repertory of Practice of the United Nations*, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the

[18] A/59/578 and Add.1.
[19] A/59/601.

matter under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget 2006-2007;

11. *Approves* a net increase of $172,851,200 in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2004-2005 and a net increase of $9,406,800 in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General[18] and amended to reflect the recommendation of the Advisory Committee;[19]

IX. Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation"[20] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[21]

Recalling paragraph 42 of its resolution 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and paragraph 95 of its resolution 59/126 B of 10 December 2004, in which it requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the web site through further redeployment to the required language posts,

Reaffirming the need to achieve full parity among the six official languages on the United Nations web site,

Also reaffirming its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Department of Public Information has appropriate staffing capacity in all official languages of the United Nations to undertake all its activities,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[15] and paragraphs 19 to 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[21]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit proposals to strengthen the United Nations web site within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

X. Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 58/272 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, transmitting the note by the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the rationalization of the financial structure of the Institute,[22] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. *Takes note* with concern of the observations and conclusions of the Board of Trustees transmitted under the cover of the note by the Secretary-General;[22]

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[20] A/59/336.
[21] A/59/558.
[22] A/59/271.

2. *Stresses* the importance of maintaining the current level of the training programmes of the Institute and requests the Board of Trustees to make every effort to ensure that in 2005 the level of training programmes will be maintained;

3. *Stresses also* the need for continued consideration of the issues related to the Institute's rent, rental rates and maintenance costs, taking into account its financial situation, with a view to its expeditious resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, as a priority, to the General Assembly at the beginning of its sixtieth session, and prior to the introduction of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, a comprehensive report on all aspects of the financial situation of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, including proposals which would address the long-term, sound and predictable funding of rent and maintenance costs;

5. *Decides* to consider the outcome of its consideration of that report in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

XI. Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations

Recalling its resolutions 56/255 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003, 58/295 of 18 June 2004 and all other relevant resolutions regarding the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations[23] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the utilization and management of funds appropriated during the 2002-2003 biennium for strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises,[24]

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[25]

Underlining the importance of achieving the highest levels of professionalism and expertise within the United Nations security management system,

Reaffirming Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the role of the General Assembly in carrying out a thorough analysis of and approving posts and financial resources as well as human resources policies with a view to ensuring full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of all policies in this regard,

Reaffirming further that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly responsible for administrative and budgetary matters,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[26]

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring the safety and security of United Nations staff, operations and premises;

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[23] A/59/365 and Corr.1 and A/59/365/Add.1 and Corr.1.

[24] See A/59/396.

[25] A/59/539.

[26] See A/57/365.

3. *Emphasizes* that the primary responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of United Nations staff and premises rests with the host country, and also emphasizes the role of the relevant host country agreements in defining this responsibility;

4. *Recognizes* the need for the urgent implementation of a unified and strengthened security management system in order to ensure the safety and security of United Nations staff, operations and premises at United Nations Headquarters and main duty stations as well as in the field;

5. *Stresses* that the effective functioning at the country level of security operations on a decentralized basis as proposed by the Secretary-General requires a unified capacity for policy, standards, coordination, communications, compliance and threat and risk assessment;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[25] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Decides*, bearing in mind the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 64 of its report[3] and General Assembly resolution 32/204 of 21 December 1977 on organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat, to establish a Department of Safety and Security;

8. *Welcomes* the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[24] on the utilization and management of funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286 in response to concerns about delays and cost escalation, notes the progress made more recently in implementing those projects, and urges the Secretary-General to complete their implementation expeditiously;

9. *Notes with concern* the delays, cost escalation and deficiencies in planning and administering security strengthening projects, particularly at Headquarters and at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in relation to funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286, as set out by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its report,[24] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/295, as well as the present resolution, funds appropriated for security strengthening projects are managed and disbursed with great oversight, efficiency and effectiveness and in a timely manner;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[24] and also to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to report on the utilization and management of funds approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/295 and in the present resolution for security strengthening projects for submission to the Assembly at its sixtieth session;

11. *Emphasizes* the need for an enhanced culture of security awareness on the part of all staff and compliance with safety and security rules and procedures throughout the United Nations system, as well as clear lines of authority and accountability;

12. *Affirms* that United Nations security management system requires clear lines of authority and accountability at all managerial levels at Headquarters and in the field for the implementation of safety and security rules and procedures;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session an accountability framework for the United Nations security management system as a whole, which would, inter alia:

(a) Update the report on field security;[26]

(b) Make clear the role of each responsible official;

(c) Provide information on how non-military lines of security-related authority lead to the head of the security department;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of United Nations funds and programmes that maintain their own security personnel in the field, to elaborate in the updated accountability framework on how such security staff are integrated into the unified security management structure at the country level under the authority of the designated official, and to clarify the authority of the designated official over such staff;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen security compliance, to apply available measures for taking disciplinary action at all levels, especially at the managerial level, in all departments for non-compliance with security standards, norms and procedures, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen security compliance, as Chairman of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to propose to the executive heads of agencies, funds and programmes that participate in the United Nations security management system that they apply available measures for taking disciplinary action at all levels for non-compliance with security standards, norms and procedures;

17. *Reaffirms* Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

18. *Urges* the Secretary-General to preserve the international character of the Organization in the recruitment of relevant categories of safety and security staff;

19. *Recognizes* that the Professional posts created by the present resolution under the regular budget would be added to the pool of posts subject to the system of geographic distribution in accordance with established procedures;

20. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure that recruitment to Professional and higher level categories is made on a wide geographic basis;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate further on his proposals concerning career development, a new profile for security officers and the further professionalization of security personnel referred to in paragraphs 25 and 31 of his report,[27] to submit detailed proposals on retirement policy given the special requirements for security staff and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

22. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis and without setting any precedent, that the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security shall serve for one non-renewable term not exceeding five years;

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[27] A/59/365 and Corr.1.

23. *Also decides* that the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security shall be appointed with full respect for the principle of equitable geographic representation and guided by its resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992, whereby the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that as a general rule no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in that post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States;

24. *Further decides* to establish a D-2 post as a deputy to the Under-Secretary-General and to review the post in the context of the implementation report to be submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General at its sixtieth session;

25. *Decides* to establish the post of the head of the Division of Safety and Security Services at the D-2 level and to review the post in the context of the implementation report to be submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General at its sixtieth session;

26. *Also decides* to establish 383 new security and safety officer posts within the General Service and related categories, of which 249 are established posts and 134 are on a temporary basis;

27. *Further decides* to review the newly approved posts referred to in paragraph 26 above in the light of a comprehensive report to be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session addressing all elements contributing to the security planning of the Organization, including the updating and revision of host country agreements as well as the different capacities of host countries to provide security to the United Nations, as outlined in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[25]

28. *Decides* to establish an Executive Office in the Department of Safety and Security consisting of 17 posts to handle its administrative support functions;

29. *Also decides* to appropriate 500,000 United States dollars under general temporary assistance to provide surge capacity for the Department of Safety and Security;

30. *Further decides* to approve the creation of the posts proposed by the Secretary-General in field locations;

31. *Recognizes* the need for the security and safety sections at the eight headquarters and main duty stations of the United Nations to convey threat and risk assessments through the appropriate regional desks;

32. *Notes* that threat and risk assessments will be conducted primarily by the field offices and reviewed by the regional desks;

33. *Decides* to enhance the capacity for threat and risk assessment by establishing one P-4, two P-3 and one General Service posts in addition to the existing P-5 post, and further decides that this capacity will be located in the Office of the Director of Regional Operations;

34. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of its resolution 58/295;

35. *Notes* that in paragraph 54 of his report,[27] the Secretary-General proposed getting input on threat and risk from sources other than international organizations and Governments, and emphasizes that it is incumbent on the

Department of Safety and Security, in making its objective judgement, to weigh the reliability and responsibility of the source as well as the reliability and validity of the information being used in assessing threat and risk;

36. *Decides* in this context that threat and risk assessments to be provided to Headquarters should be prepared by country offices and other components of the United Nations system, on an objective basis and in full cooperation with the national authorities of host countries;

37. *Reaffirms*, in this context, Article 100 of the Charter of the United Nations;

38. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the process for the continuous review of threat and risk assessment so as to enable timely, systematic and periodic review of the phases, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the respective national Governments apprised in a timely manner of any changes resulting from such review;

39. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide information, upon request by Member States, about the methodology used for determining phases of threat and risk assessment;

40. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide, in the context of the implementation report, information on strengthening the cooperation between the Department of Safety and Security and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations with respect to security decisions that may affect the conduct of peacekeeping operations, in the framework of the unified security management system, which would be led by the Department of Safety and Security under the provisions of the present resolution;

41. *Notes* that the malicious acts insurance policy has a worldwide coverage except in headquarters countries (namely, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America);

42. *Notes with concern* that there are some staff in the United Nations system who are working in the field and are not covered by the malicious acts insurance policy or a comparable scheme;

43. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to address this matter in the context of the Board and to report to the General Assembly thereon at its sixtieth session with a view to ensuring that all staff are covered;

44. *Decides* to defer to the second part of the resumed fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly consideration of the proposal of the Secretary-General on the global access control system[28] pending the receipt of a detailed report by the Secretary-General, which will include the following:

(a) Integration with projects approved by previous General Assembly resolutions, including those in the context of the overall information technology strategy;

[28] See A/59/365/Add.1 and Corr.1.

(b) The impact of implementing the global access control system on human resources requirements in the area of safety and security;

(c) The individual characteristics of each United Nations headquarters and main duty station;

(d) The implications of the global access control system for the capital master plan;

(e) Detailed information regarding the global identity management system, including the principles and guidelines for sharing the information obtained through the system, the level of centralization needed for managing this information and who would have access to the information;

(f) The time frame for implementation of the system;

45. *Decides* to defer consideration of the expansion of the security service fitness facility and to revert to this issue in the context of its consideration of the scope of work of the capital master plan;

46. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that infrastructure projects approved for Headquarters under the present resolution should not, pending a decision on the capital master plan, incur additional unnecessary costs at a later date under the capital master plan;

47. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session the results of the technical study on information and communication technology security, business continuity and disaster recovery, with detailed costing and a timetable;

48. *Decides* to maintain existing arrangements with regard to cost-sharing for safety and security;

49. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as the Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, while fully implementing the decision of the General Assembly to maintain the current cost-sharing arrangements, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on measures taken to improve the operational administration of existing cost-sharing arrangements;

50. *Stresses* the importance that all entities participating in specific arrangements in place at headquarters duty stations for sharing the costs of the central security and safety services should provide prompt and secure funding for such arrangements;

51. *Decides* that the present cost-sharing arrangements relating to field security for those organizations which are not part of the United Nations system should be retained;

52. *Invites* those organizations of the United Nations system which are currently in arrears with their contributions to the United Nations under the present cost-sharing arrangements to take steps to ensure prompt payment of the outstanding sums;

53. *Decides to* approve an additional appropriation under the regular budget in the amount of 53,633,300 dollars, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

54. *Also decides* to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of 6,069,700 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005[29] to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

55. *Recognizes* the need for a clearer presentation of security spending by each organization of the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to inform the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on this issue;

56. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the possibility for further integration and rationalization of the security management system and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

57. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution at its sixtieth session;

Annex

Additional appropriations for the strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations, at revised 2004-2005 rates, by section of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Budget section	*Additional appropriation*
3. Political affairs	147.2
4. Disarmament	50.5
5. Peacekeeping operations	1 612.6
13. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	669.4
18. Economic and social development in Africa	(2 383.0)
19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	(4 775.9)
21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	(2 960.3)
22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	(3 833.7)
24. Human rights	45.4
25. Protection of and assistance to refugees	5 103.2
26. Palestine refugees	708.4
28. Public information	223.1
29D. Office of Central Support Services	(36 240.0)
29E. Administration, Geneva	(19 601.5)
29F. Administration, Vienna	(5 609.8)
29G. Administration, Nairobi	(5 835.0)
31. Jointly financed administrative activities	(17 796.1)
33. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	4 003.4

[29] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/58/6/Add.1).

Budget section	*Additional appropriation*
36. Safety and security	140 105.4
Total	**53 633.3**
34. Staff assessment	6 069.7
Income section 1. Income from staff assessment	(6 069.7)

XII. Administrative and financial implications of decisions and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission for 2004

Recalling its resolution 59/___ of __ December 2004, entitled "United Nations common system",

Takes note of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General[30] on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2004[31] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[32]

XIII. Contingency Fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and related estimates

Decides to appropriate the required amounts, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;[33]

Notes that a balance of 7,854,800 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

[30] A/59/429.
[31] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/59/30).
[32] A/59/522.
[33] A/C.5/59/27.

Draft resolution II
Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

A
Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly,

Resolves that, for the biennium 2004-2005, the amount of 3,179,196,100 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 58/271 of 23 December 2003 and 58/295 of 18 June 2004 shall be adjusted by 428,977,800 dollars, as follows:

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 58/271A and 58/295*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(in United States dollars)		
Part I.	*Overall policy-making, direction and coordination*			
1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	58 504 400	3 038 800	61 543 200
2.	General Assembly affairs and conference services	533 574 800	26 681 700	560 256 500
Total, part I		**592 079 200**	**29 720 500**	**621 799 700**
Part II.	*Political affairs*			
3.	Political affairs and special missions	242 461 500	185 165 700	427 627 200
4.	Disarmament	18 118 400	621 500	18 739 900
5.	Peacekeeping operations	89 898 300	2 961 500	92 859 800
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	5 484 400	419 500	5 903 900
Total, part II		**355 962 600**	**189 168 200**	**545 130 800**
Part III.	*International justice and law*			
7.	International Court of Justice	31 621 900	3 314 100	34 936 000
8.	Legal affairs	39 303 000	1 331 000	40 634 000
Total, part III		**70 924 900**	**4 645 100**	**75 570 000**
Part IV.	*International cooperation for development*			
9.	Economic and social affairs	137 739 400	5 288 300	143 027 700
10.	Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States	4 231 900	126 700	4 358 600
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's development	9 344 000	231 000	9 575 000
12.	Trade and Development	106 241 800	8 560 500	114 802 300
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	23 472 200	2 664 100	26 136 300
14.	Environment	10 530 100	385 700	10 915 800
15.	Human settlements	15 536 200	476 600	16 012 800

Section		Amount approved in resolutions 58/271A and 58/295	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
		(in United States dollars)		
	16. Crime prevention and criminal justice	9 392 800	647 400	10 040 200
	17. International drug control	20 006 900	1 469 200	21 476 100
	Total, part IV	**336 495 300**	**19 849 500**	**356 344 800**
Part V.	*Regional cooperation for development*			
	18. Economic and social development in Africa	95 672 700	569 300	96 242 000
	19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	67 236 900	(2 169 800)	65 067 100
	20. Economic and social development in Europe	50 196 800	4 565 000	54 761 800
	21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	80 884 900	4 486 500	85 371 400
	22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	52 713 800	(1 718 200)	50 995 600
	23. Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 871 500	-	42 871 500
	Total, part V	**389 576 600**	**5 732 800**	**395 309 400**
Part VI.	*Human rights and humanitarian affairs*			
	24. Human rights	56 794 500	7 776 800	64 571 300
	25. Protection of and assistance to refugees	56 731 900	9 512 000	66 243 900
	26. Palestine refugees	33 851 800	789 200	34 641 000
	27. Humanitarian assistance	23 292 300	983 000	24 275 300
	Total, part VI	**170 670 500**	**19 061 000**	**189 731 500**
Part VII.	*Public information*			
	28. Public information	156 056 100	6 266 500	162 322 600
	Total, part VII	**156 056 100**	**6 266 500**	**162 322 600**
Part VIII.	*Common support services*			
	29. Management and central support services	525 139 700	(47 993 900)	477 145 800
	Total, part VIII	**525 139 700**	**(47 993 900)**	**477 145 800**
Part IX.	*Internal oversight*			
	30. Internal oversight	23 227 200	959 800	24 187 000
	Total, part IX	**23 227 200**	**959 800**	**24 187 000**

Section		Amount approved in resolutions 58/271A and 58/295	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
		(in United States dollars)		
Part X.	*Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*			
	31. Jointly financed administrative activities	25 573 200	(15 128 000)	10 445 200
	32. Special expenses	79 455 100	1 800 800	81 255 900
	Total, part X	**105 028 300**	**(13 327 200)**	**91 701 100**
Part XI.	*Capital expenditures*			
	33. Construction alteration improvement and major maintenance	58 651 300	45 915 300	104 566 600
	Total, part XI	**58 651 300**	**45 915 300**	**104 566 600**
Part XII.	*Staff assessment*			
	34. Staff assessment	382 319 400	28 874 800	411 194 200
	Total, part XII	**382 319 400**	**28 874 800**	**411 194 200**
Part XIII.	*Development account*			
	35. Development account	13 065 000	-	13 065 000
	Total, part XIII	**13 065 000**	**-**	**13 065 000**
Part XIV.	*Security and safety*			
	36. Security and safety	-	140 105 400	140 105 400
	Total, part XIV	**-**	**140 105 400**	**140 105 400**
	Grand total, expenditure estimates	**3 179 196 100**	**428 977 800**	**3 608 173 900**

B

Revised income estimates for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly,

Resolves that, for the biennium 2004-2005, the estimates of income of 415,340,500 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions 58/271 A of 23 December 2003 and 58/295 of 18 June 2004, shall be increased by 28,511,400 dollars, as follows:

Income sections	*Amount approved in resolutions 58/271B and 58/295*	*Increase/(decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
	(in United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	386 540 400	29 073 300	415 613 700
Total	**386 540 400**	**29 073 300**	**415 613 700**
2. General income	24 043 200	(33 700)	24 009 500
3. Services to the public	4 756 900	(528 200)	4 228 700
Total	**28 800 100**	**(561 900)**	**28 238 200**
Grand total	**415 340 500**	**28 511 400**	**443 851 900**

C
Financing of the appropriations for the year 2005

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2005:

1. Budget appropriations totalling 2,027,743,750 United States dollars and consisting of 1,580,430,150 dollars, being half of the appropriations initially approved for the biennium 2004-2005 in its resolution 58/271 C of 23 December 2003, 18,335,800 dollars, being the additional appropriations approved for the biennium 2004-2005 in its resolutions 58/295 of 18 June 2004, 428,977,800 dollars, being the increase approved by the General Assembly in resolution A above, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) 29,509,150 dollars, consisting of:

(i) 14,400,050 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than income from staff assessment approved for the biennium 2004-2005 by the Assembly in its resolution 58/271 B of 23 December 2003;

(ii) Less 561,900 dollars, being the decrease approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(iii) 15,671,000 dollars, being the balance in the surplus account as at 31 December 2003;

(b) 1,998,234,600 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 58/1 B of 16 October 2003;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 218,725,650 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 193,245,850 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 58/271 B;

(b) 48,700 dollars, being the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 58/295;

(c) 29,073,300 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(d) Less 3,642,200 dollars, being the decrease in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2002-2003 compared with the revised estimates approved by the Assembly in its resolution 58/267 B of 23 December 2003.

44. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Programme budget implications of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

The General Assembly, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and endorsed the observations and recommendations in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

(a) Decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution on programme planning (A/C.5/59/L.20), the programme of work under section 29, Management and central support services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, would be modified as indicated in paragraph 3 of the statement by the Secretary-General, and an additional amount of 500,000 United States dollars at initial 2004-2005 rates would be required under section 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987 for the use and operation of the contingency fund;

(b) Notes the possible substantial financial costs related to the eventual implementation of a cost accounting system;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to provide a full presentation of the financial implications of identified options for the possible implementation of such a system at the sixtieth session of the General Assembly for its consideration.

[1] A/C.5/59/13.
[2] A/59/567.

Draft decision II
Revised estimates and programme budget implication: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the oral statement of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Decides to approve the adjustments to revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications, as applicable, subject to the approval of related amounts for individual revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications.

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[1] A/C.5/59/24.